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| in re Patent Application of | Mail Stop RCE |
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| For: METHOD OF PREPARING IRON- |)) |

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a reply to the final Office Action dated October 19, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time (second and third months) is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: